Records of SC certificates missing from ADM court in Delhi

1555. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the records of Scheduled Castes certificates issued in 1985 by the A.D.M. in Delhi are missing from the courts;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report entitled "Authorities indicated for in-action" published in the 'Statesman' of 22nd December, 1990; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and the steps taken to investigate into the matter so as to prevent sale of forged certificate hereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. The records of Scheduled Castes certificates pertaining to the period from 1-1-1985 to 25-4-1985 and 1-8-1985 to 31-12-1985 are missing from the Deputy Commissioner's Office.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Delhi Police have arrested 8 persons allegedly involved in the forging of certificates.

Increase in pension of freedom fighters of Goa

1556. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the freedom fighters who participated in Goa Liberation Satyagarh of 1955 are getting freedom fighters pension of Rs. 350 per month only;

(b) whether the Ministry of Finance have recommended increased freedom fighters pension to them to bring it at par with other freedom fighters who are getting Rs. 700 per month; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase Goa freedom fighters pension along with the reasons for the delay in increasing the amount to Rs. 700 per month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY). (a) to (c) All the freedom fighters including Goa freedom nghters are getting pension at the rate of Rs. 750 per month with effect from 14-11-1988 under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme.

There is no proposal for increasing the pension.

Cutting down of imports due to oil crisis

1557. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to cut down the import of certain raw materials in view of the oil crisis;

(b) if so, what are these items; and

(c) to what extent it will affect the production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) The balance of payments situation has been under considerable strain in recent years. At the beginning of the current financial year, the economy was in a serious financail crisis and faced a very difficult balance of payment situation. The impact of the Gulf crisis on the balance of payment situation has been very large. In view of this, Government have imposed a 15 per cent cut on free foreign exchange import entitlement of Actual Users engaged in the manufacture of automobiles, electronic items and consumer durables on import of raw materails and components under Open General Licences as well as against Supplemnetary Licences. This cut is also ap-

plicable in respect of grant of licences for after sales service spares. The Actual Users engaged in the manufacture of automobiles, electronic items and consumer durables are now required to obtain OGL Import Entitlements Certificate for import of raw materails and components under Open General Licence irrespective of whether they are subject to Phased Manufacturing Programme of indigenisation or not.

16 numbers of raw materials and components have been taken out of the Open General Licence list. They can be imported against a supplementary licence granted on the recommendation of the sponsoring authority, indigenous clearance and approval by the supplementary Licensing Committee. They can also be imported against REP/Additional Licences. These include items like Plain Polyester Film, Trimethylphospite, Hydroxyquinoline, Magnesium Metal, Non-alloy steel seconds and defectives of thickness 0-27 mm and thinner (excluding TMBP second) Non-alloy steel uncoated prime cold rolled sheets, strips, wide coil of thickness 0 27 mm and thinner (excluding TMBP), certain High Speed Steel items, Butachlor (Tech), Glycerine, Plate/Float Glass, Aluminium Rolled Products, Sheets, Strips, Circles and Slugs.

Close scrutiny of all supplementary licence applications for import of raw materials, components, consumables and spares is being made and where the value of licences exceeds Rs. 2 crores, a condition is being imposed that in respect of 50 per cent of the amount in excess of Rs. 2 crores, the Actual Users will be required to surrender REP/Additional Licences of equivalent value and having a minimum validity of 3 months.

The facility for import of items of raw materials, components, consumables and spares as well as jigs, fixtures, dies and patterns (including counter roller dies), moulds (including moulds for die casting) and press tools not specified in the Import Policy, under OGL, has been suspended for a period of 3 months w.e f 6th November, 1990. However, necessary import of these items can be made for keeping up industrial production through Supplementary Licensing procedures.

The cut imposed on import of raw materails and components may affect production in the country in future.

Selling of Cycle Corporation of India and Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd. to private parties

1558. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to sell two Sick Public Sector units, the Cycle Corporation of India and the Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd. in West Bengal to private parties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Government have not taken any decision to sell these units to the private parties.

(b) Does not arise.

Production in cement industries

1559. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production in infrastructural industries like Cement has been below the target during the current year (April—November); and

(b) if so, the details of the projected target and real production of these industries in term of quantum as well as percentage during the year so far and how does it compare with that in the same period last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) A